

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

Although the dimensions of base member 2 may vary, in one form of the invention, the base member has an overall length of approximately 48 inches, a width of approximately  $7 \frac{3}{8}$  inches at the widest portion, a width of approximately  $3 \frac{5}{8}$  inches at the narrower end portions and a maximum height of approximately 6 inches. In this embodiment of the invention the intermediate width of the base member is somewhat more than twice as wide as the end widths. Different sized mounting holes 7 may be provided in the base member that are sized to closely receive different sized end portions of elongated members. For example, mounting hole 7 may be a 4-inch square hole for receiving 4-inch square end portions of plastic upright posts or a 2-inch square hole for receiving 2-inch square standard metal posts for supporting a type III barricade or other portable device as desired. The maximum width of the mounting hole in the length direction of the base member is less than the intermediate length 21 of the other side wall 6 of the base member as shown in Fig. 3. This allows the width of the mounting hole to extend widthwise outwardly beyond the end lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 as further shown in Fig. 3.